

Goddard Core Descriptive Metadata Element Set
Element Names & Definitions
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<i>Element Name</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Title	The name of the resource.
Creator	The name of the entity that authored, photographed, presented or otherwise created the resource.
Creator Employee	The name of the employee or person who authored, photographed, presented or otherwise created the resource.
Creator Organizaton	The organization under whose auspices the resource was created.
Subject Organization	The name of an organization that is the topic of the content of the resource.
Subject – Mission/Project	The name of a mission or project that is the topic of the content of the resource.
Subject - Competency	The name of the vocational or technical specialty that is relevant to the content of the resource.
Subject - Instrument	The name of the scientific equipment or platform that is the topic of the content of the resource.
Subject – Business Purpose	The business purpose for which the content of the resource was prepared.
Subject - Industries	The name of an industry sector that is a topic of the content of the resource.
Uncontrolled Subject (Keywords)	Terms describing the topic of the resource that are not controlled (i.e., keywords).
Description	Information useful in evaluating the relevant of the resource to the user's need. This information may include but is not limited to abstracts, tables of content, reference to a graphic representation of the content or a free-text account of the content.
Publisher Organization	The name of an entity responsible for producing or distributing the resource.
Publisher Code	The organizational code for the entity responsible for producing or distributing the resource.
Date	A date that is relevant to the life cycle of the resource.
Content Type	The genre, resource type or document type of the resource
Format	The technical structure of the resource as indicated by the Mime type.
Persistent Identifier	A unique name for the resource that aids in ensuring persistent location over time based on a persistent identification scheme.
URL	The current Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the resource.
Source	Title of a broader resource or collection within which the resource is found.
Language	The full name of the language in which the resource is presented.
Spatial Coverage	The spatial coordinates for a geographic area to which the content of the resource refers.
Rights	Formal statement of copyright or access controls that apply to the resource.
Audience	The group expected to use the resource.